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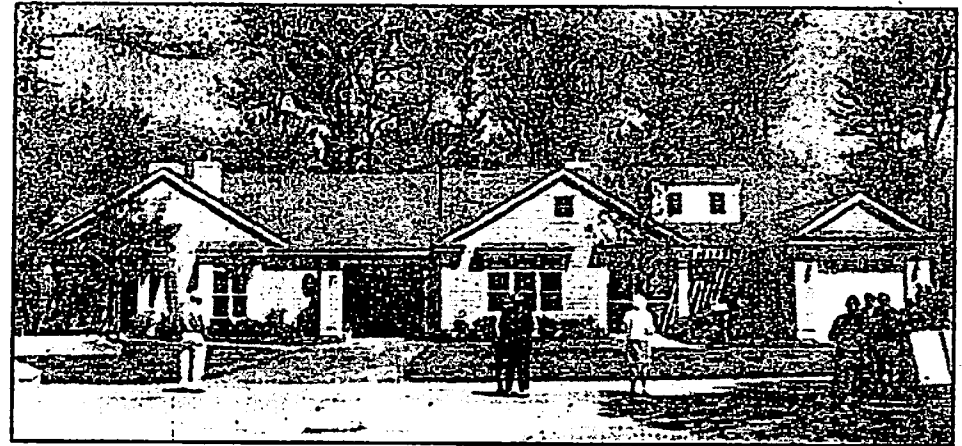
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Ribbon Cutting at Village at Duxbury Garden Homes



Ribbon Cutting ceremonies marked the official opening of the Village Garden Homes last week. The public open house is this weekend. Shown l to r : Paul Casale, V.P. and Treasurer; Rita Welch, founder, Welch Healthcare; Karen Sprague, new resident along with Barbara and Joe Whitaker other first residents; Laura Wendrow, executive marketing director, Village at Duxbury Garden Homes.



The new model at the Village at Duxbury Garden Homes will be open for public viewing this weekend from 1 to 4 p m June 7, 8 and 9.

This weekend the public can see first hand a new local option in living for people ages 62-plus, when the Village at Duxbury Garden Homes hosts a public open house from 1 to 4 pm. on June 7,8, and 9 at the completed model home located on Route 53.

Recently, an official ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the model where Welch Healthcare Vice President and Treasurer Paul Casale welcomed the first residents who will be moving into the community this summer. Also on hand for the opening celebration were representatives from local and state government including Sen. Robert Hedlund and Duxbury Selectman Betsy Sullivan along with many of the professionals involved in creating the Garden Homes.

"We are very excited about the Garden Homes because we are now offering a new option for future residents who prefer a single- family style home that gives them access to all the wonderful Village at Duxbury services and amenities as well as the peace of mind that comes with the on site security and maintenance," said Casale. The Welch Group, developers of the Garden Homes, built the original Village at Duxbury as a cooperative community of 130 apartment homes eight years ago and continues to provide management servies.



Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) greets visitors to the open house noting that he had the privilege of attending many successful Welch Group ribbon cuttings on the South Shore through the years.



Village at Duxbury PR consultant Bonnie Jernigan and Welch Public Relations Coordinator Yvette Cole were on hand for the opening.



View from the loft of one of the new Village at Duxbury Garden Homes shows the living room dining room area.



Duxbury Selectman Betsy Sullivan speaks to the crowd, as Welch Vice President Paul Casale and Executive Marketing Director Laura Wendrow listen.



Barbara and Joe Whitaker (center), slated to be the first Garden Home residents, look at their home "under construction" with staff members from The Village at Duxbury.



Surrounded by the team that made The Garden Homes a reality, the first residents and public officials cut the ribbon that opened the model.



(L to R) Village at Duxbury residents who serve on the Board of Directors, Kitty Borden, Harriett Nelson and Peggy Young chat with Paul Casale from The Welch Group.